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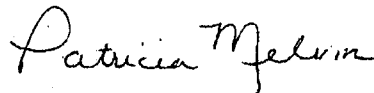
Dear Attorney Hesse:

Please accept my comments for consideration during the public comment period in the Microsoft anti-trust case. I support the settlement agreement that has been reached in this case, and urge the court to accept it as written as soon as possible. This case has dragged on too long with little discernible public benefit, and ought to be concluded once and for all.

The other players in the high tech industry would be better served to have their research and marketing divisions work as hard as their lawyers and lobbyists. This case has never been about protecting the consumer from anti-trust abuses, as much as it has been about picking sides in the marketplace. We would all be better off if the case is settled, and everyone can get back to business.

It is a shame that so much taxpayers' money has been wasted chasing one company in a competitive field; it would only make matters worse if we were left with government bureaucrats micromanaging the industry. Please don't allow the terms of the settlement to be expanded. They go far enough as it is.

Respectfully,



Patricia Melvin